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Call Haig as witness

Sindona expected to use CIA defense

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Secretary of State Haig and former CIA Director Stansfield Turner have been subpoenaed to testify for the defense in the approaching bail-jumping trial of convicted bank swindler Michele Sindona.

The defense is expected to contend that Sindona was working as an undercover CIA operative, in connection with a planned "Sicilian coup," when he fled to Italy in 1979 a month before his bank fraud trial was scheduled to begin in Federal Court here.

Sindona's lawyer, Joseph Oteri, disclosed yesterday that several big names are on his list of possible witnesses, including Haig, Turner, Graham Martin, former United States ambassador to Italy, David M. Kennedy, the Illinois banker who was Richard Nixon's treasury secretary, and retired Adm. Max King Morris. Oteri said subpoenas calling for their appearance at Sindona's trial were issued last week.

He said he also subpoenaed Otis Pike, former Suffolk County Democratic congressman, who headed a congressional investigation of CIA activities.

Sindona was convicted a year ago in the \$45 million Franklin National Bank fraud that caused the biggest bank failure in U.S. history. He is serving a 25-year term in federal prison. The bail-jumping trial is scheduled to start in two weeks. If convicted, he could get an additional five years. ■